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1. SUMMARY. US DELIVERED STATEMENTS ON STRAITS IN C-II AND FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN C-III. THIRD READING OF ARTICLES ON DEEP SEABED REGIME WAS COMPLETED IN C-I. NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY IN ALL THREE MAIN COMMITTEES. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMITTEE I - THIRD READING OF ARTICLES ON DEEP SEABED REGIME WAS COMPLETED BY C-I IN INFORMAL SESSION JULY 23. SEVERAL OF FIRST ARTICLES WERE SIMPLIFIED BY REMOVAL OF BRACKETS AND ALTERNATIVE TEXTS, ALTHOUGH LAST HALF OF REGIME SECTION REMAIN RELATIVELY UNCHANGED.

FULL DAY'S DEBATE WAS DEVOTED TO NEW US PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE 9 ON UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPLOITATION SYSTEM WHICH ATTEMPTED TO AMALGAMATE ALL FOUR ALTERNATIVES

IN EXISTING TEXT. EMPHASIS IN US PROPOSAL WAS ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH EXPLOITATION WOULD OCCUR, AS WELL AS FREEDOM OF ACCESS. FOLLOWING DEBATE INDICATED SPLIT BETWEEN AFRICAN DELS ON ONE HAND WHO APPEARED WILLING TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL AND LATIN AMERICAN DELS ON OTHER HAND WHO CATEGORICALLY REJECTED PROPOSED AMALGAMATION. US WITHDREW NEW ARTICLE 9 PROPOSAL WITH STATEMENT THAT ENTIRE COMMITTEE WAS APPARENTLY NOT YET READY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATION. C-I WILL PROBABLY DECIDE JULY 25 TO BEGIN DEBATE ON MAJOR ISSUES OF DISAGREEMENT RATHER THAN CONTINUE THIRD READING OF MACHINERY ARTICLES.

3. COMMITTEE II. DEBATE ON ITEM 3 (CONTIGUOUS ZONE) WAS CONCLUDED WITH TWO MAIN TRENDS EMERGEING: THOSE FAVORING RETENTION OF CONCEPT AND THOSE FAVORING ITS DELETION BECAUSE OF ITS INCLUSION IN TERRITORIAL SEA OR ECONOMIC ZONE JURISDICTION. C-II VOTED TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 3 AND DEBATE COMMENCED ON ITEM 4 (STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION). CHAIRMAN CIRCULATED REVISION OF WORKING PAPER #1 ON ITEM 2 (TERRITORIAL SEA) AND C-II DECIDED TO MEET INFORMALLY ON JULY 25 TO CONSIDER THIS REVISION WHICH INCLUDES AMENDMENT ON INNOCENT PASSAGE.

AFTER ONE MORE SPEAKER ON ITEM 4, C-II WILL LIMIT SPEAKERS TIME TO 15 MINUTES. DISCUSSION ON STRAITS REGIME CENTERED ON EASTERN EUROPEAN DRAFT PROPOSING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION, UK DRAFT PROPOSING TRANSIT PASSAGE AND STRAITS STATES POSITION PROPOSING INNOCENT PASSAGE. US DELIVERED STRAITS SPEECH CONCENTRATING ON WAY US POSITION SATISFIED STRAIT STATE CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITY, SAFETY AND POLLUTION.

4. COMMITTEE III. FIRST INFORMAL SESSION ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH LED TO SELECTION OF FRG REP METTERNICH AS CHAIRMAN. AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION, GROUP COMPLETED FIRST READING OF TEXT ON DEFINITION. US DELIVERED STATEMENT SPELLING OUT OUR POSITION ON FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. INFORMAL SESSION ON MARINE POLLUTION CONTINUED BEGINNING FROM FIRST ITEM IN COMPARATIVE TABLE, BASIC OBLIGATIONS OF STATES WHICH WAS COMPLETED. DISCUSSION OF SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT TEXTS PREPARED BY SEABED COMMITTEE WILL BE ONLY FOR PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

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SMALL INFORMAL GROUP WILL THEN BE ESTABLISHED TO WORK ON THOSE ITEMS WHILE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS ITEMS NOT DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN SEABED COMMITTEE.

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